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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, PINS

SUBJECT: EXPLOSION AT USIA BEIRUT REGIONAL SERVICE CENTER (RSC)

REF: BEIRUT 5258 AND 5330M

1. GOL ARMY HAS PROVIDED OFFICIAL REPORT FROM THEIR BOMB EXPERTS WHICH STATES THAT DEVICE WHICH EXPLODED AT RSC WAS APPROXIMATELY TWO KILOS OF PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE DETONATED BY CHEMICAL FUSE WITH TIME DELAY OF BETWEEN ONE AND TWO AND A HALF HOURS.

2. ATTACK HAS BEEN CLAIMED BY SOCIALIST REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (CHIBU GANG) WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTACK ON BANK OF AMERICA BEIRUT LAST YEAR. OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION HAS NOT IDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTACK.

3. SECURITY OFFICE LOCAL EMPLOYEE WHO UNTIL ONE WEEK AGO WAS IN GOL SURETE GENERAL BUT WHOSE RELIABILITY IS UNKNOWN REPORTS ALLEGATION THAT CHIBU GANG IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RSC EXPLOSION AND THAT IT IS BEGINNING OF CAMPAIGN AGAINST US INTERESTS IN LEBANON AIMED AT SENSATIONALISM RATHER THAN
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INJURY TO PERSONNEL. WE WILL DISCUSS FOREGOING WITH GOL

SECURITY OFFICIALS AND WILL REEXAMINE WITH THEM THE
PROTECTION OF OFFICIAL INSTALLATIONS AND ALSO ASK THEM
TO BE AWARE OF POSSIBILITY OF THREAT TO US BUSINESS INTERESTS.
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